

LOCAL NEWS.

THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 20.

NOT TRUE.—The statement concerning the murder of Mrs. Patsey Mills, in Fairfax county last week, by a party of colored men, that has been going the rounds of the newspapers, turns out to be untrue. Mrs. Mills, an old lady who formerly attended the Alexandria market, was choked, and her house, near Vienna Station, on the Alexandria Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, robbed, some week or so ago, but the old lady is now as well as ever. Two colored men, named Parker and Jordan, and a colored boy, were arrested and brought to Vienna soon after the offense was committed, as the guilty parties, but as no one appeared against them, they were released. Mr. J. B. Bowman giving security for their future appearance at Fairfax Court.

RIVER NEWS.—The ice is now pretty well broken up, and a current, or a heavy blow, would soon carry it all out of the river. Two Government tug boats, the Ariel and Fisher, made trips to Forts Washington and Foot this morning, for the first time since the late freeze. The Aquia Creek boats have not resumed their trips yet, but will, it is stated, in a day or two. P. S.—Three o'clock p. m.—The Ariel and Fisher having opened the track between Washington and this city, the Vanderbilt, of the Aquia Creek line, has just passed here on her way down the river. She returned this evening. The Keyport, of the same line, will resume her regular trips to-morrow morning.

DANGERS OF BENZINE.—Many persons seem not aware of the highly dangerous character of the article above named, which is so freely used for cleaning clothing, &c. Its extremely volatile, inflammable and explosive nature renders it very unsafe, when it is used near a fire or light. A little benzine poured into a tumbler or other broad vessel will evaporate in a few hours, and render the air of a small room nearly as explosive as if filled with coal gas. It should never be used in the vicinity of flame, and it is stated that flame will leap several feet to an open vessel of benzine through the medium of the volatilized fluid.

LENT SERVICES IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES. Christ Church.—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8 o'clock; Wednesday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

St. Paul's Church.—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 8 o'clock; Thursday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

Grace Church.—Monday and Wednesday nights at 7½ o'clock; Friday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

SECOND WARD RADICALS.—A meeting of the Second Ward Republican Club was held last night in the colored school house, corner of Pitt and Princess streets, which was presided over by C. W. Dewitt, the president of the club, T. J. Edelen, acting as secretary. Addresses were delivered by C. W. Dewitt, and by a colored man named Blair, after which without transacting any important business the meeting adjourned until the night of Wednesday next.

DISCHARGED.—Mr. Robert Meade, the policeman who ejected the colored parties from the Washington and Alexandria Railroad cars, last week, at the depot of that railroad in this city, and who was employed by the lessees of that road, was yesterday informed that his services as policeman were no longer required.

GERMAN BUILDING ASSOCIATION.—The organization of the German Building Association was finally completed last night, at the meeting held at the Etna Hotel, in Washington Hall. The association starts with the most favorable auspices, and of its complete success no doubt is entertained.

CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND.—It is stated that the members of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company have determined to participate in the proposed firemen's celebration of the 22d of February in this city, and will, with their new truck, form part of the procession.

POLICE REPORT.—Alexandria, as judged by the appearance of the police courts this morning, is the most moral city of its size in the country. The records of the Mayor's and Magistrates offices do not exhibit one arrest for the last twenty-four hours.

WATCH HOUSE.—There were but two lodgers at the watch house last night. One of them, a sailor from abroad, had a berth procured for him this morning, on board a vessel, lying at the wharf, by Captain Smith.

WILD DUCKS.—Since the breaking up of the ice, the river in front of the city has been visited by many wild ducks, some of which have been killed, and found to be in tolerable condition.

GODEY'S LADIES' BOOK.—Godey's Ladies' Magazine for February has been received at French's book and periodical store, where all new literature can be obtained.

PETITION.—A petition to Gen. Schofield is in circulation some among the drinking houses on Union street, urging the removal of one of the county Constables of this county.

FIRE.—The light observed on the opposite Maryland Shore yesterday evening about dark, was caused by the turning of a shed erected near the site of the old ferry house.

DIRECTORY MEETING.—A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad Company was held at the office of that company in this city this morning.

AFFRAY.—An excitement was created near the M. E. Church, South, last night, by a fight which occurred there between some young men.

THE WEATHER.—There was a heavy white frost last night. To-day has been mild and pleasant—and the ice continues to move.

WHAT IS TRIX?—It is amusing to hear the different questions asked about the mysterious "Trix." "When is it to be played?" "When is Trix coming?" "Is it a man or a woman?" And a hundred other questions are asked about it. Trix is a pertume.

ERRATA.—There was a transposition of a line, in the conclusion of the second editorial article in yesterday's Gazette. The conclusion of the article should have read—"Is there any retrenchment in their own pay and emoluments? Do they ever retrench when it suits Radical policy to expend?"

The name of the newly elected Senator from Kentucky was spelled improperly. It is Thos. C. McCreery.

LIST OF LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., Postoffice, February 19. Persons calling for letters will please say they are advertised, and give the date of the list.

Allen & Johnson.
Archer, Ivans.
Bachman, Anson.
Bachman, Dr. A. M.
Burns, Mrs. A. M.
Brown, James F.
Brown, James F.
Bellman, J. J.
Bartley, John.
Barnett, S.
Bryant, Elizabeth.
Carter, Annie.
Cooke, H. W.
Conklin, James N.
Connelly, Mary C.
Coffey, Mrs. J.
Clark & Placide.
Connelly, Robert.
Cowan, K.—Bookseller.
Chapman, Mrs. Ellen.
Crockett, Wm.
Conlon, John H.
Conlon, Mrs. Emily.
Dugan, Miss Annie.
Dobrow, Capt. Geo. W.
Davis, John—2.
Dannan, Warren O.
Darden, Jerry—col.
Fisher, John W.
Fisher, Joseph.
Fairfax, Mrs. Orlando.
Ferguson, K. E.
Fisher, Miss Jennie.
Fitch, Mrs. S. N.
Farrell, Thomas.
Fields, William.
Griffin, Caroline.
Glover, C. E.
Gray, Jerry.
Griffin, Linsin—2.
Gray, L. Z.—col.—2.
Green, Lucie.
Grason, Phoebe.
Gant, John.
Gustin, Clementina.
Hunter, James.
Honey, Kish.
Hunter, Lorenzo—col.
Higgins, Wm. P.
Henderson, George M.
Henricks, James.
Hardy, Jane—2.
Hollensbury, J. W.
Hencan, Mr.
Holmes, Mr.
Jordan, Lonza.
Jones, Lizzy.
Johnson, Sarah F.—col.
Johnson, Thomas.
Johnson, Miss Jennie.
Johnson, Jennie.
Johnson, Mrs. Henry.
King, Miss Esther.
Kidd, Mrs. E. Bessy.
Kelly, Mrs. Fred. T.
Kinney, Miss Louisa.
Lindsay, John.
Lee, Miss Lucinda.
Lynch, Miss L.
Worthington, Wm. F.
Loy, William.
Lewis, Charles.
Lewis, Charles—col.
Mooney, A. A.
Moore, Alfred—col.
Mason, M. A. E.
McDonald, A.
Miller, Mrs. C.
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CITY ITEMS.

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THE GREATEST BARGAINS EVER BEFORE OFFERED IN THIS CITY.

S. DEALHAM, 103, King street, is selling off his immense stock of Overcoats, Beaver Suits and Capes at cost. Feb 23—2wtf

At BLONDELL'S, corner King and Fairfax sts., you will find the largest stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING

in the city, which will be sold without regard to cost to make room for Spring Goods. Feb 6—t

The new style of imported sets of pendent garnets, fuchsia, brilliant and jet sets just received by Mr. Prigg, at the One Dollar Jewelry Store, 438, Pennsylvania avenue, three doors from 45 street, Washington, D. C., are exceedingly beautiful in design, and are well worthy the attention of ladies of taste. Mr. Prigg has also an extensive assortment of plated forks and spoons, that should be seen by persons contemplating housekeeping. The prices of these articles are so extremely low, and the goods themselves are so durable, that it gives us pleasure specially to direct them to the attention of our readers.

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feb 12—d2w

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